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MARK YOUR CALENDAR
June 13th: MCSAC Meeting
3-4:30 p.m.
United Way of Manatee County
1701 Tamiami Trl, Bradenton

Pain Management Clinic Ordinance 12-14 Receives Final Approval with Civil Penalties
By Rita Chamberlain, Coalition Coordinator

Its taken almost 18 months from the original County Attorney submission, but a final version of Pain Management Clinic Ordinance 12-14, specifying civil penalties for non-compliance, was approved by the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners on May 22, 2012 during the regular BCC meeting. It was part of an extended agenda that also included the adoption of Resolution

Bradenton Teens Win National Prevention Contest!

Two Bradenton teens involved with the Manatee County Substance Abuse Coalition are being honored. Both are recent winners of a national underage drinking prevention video contest called "Power of You(th)". 16-year old Christian Alvarez, a student at Southeast High School, and 17-year old Nikelle Kelly, a student at Lakewood Ranch High, both won iPad's and an all-expense paid trip to MADD's National Teen Influencer Summit this summer in Dallas. Alvarez, the Grand Prize winner of the national contest, also won an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. later this year to be recognized during MADD's National Conference. And he was recently honored with an event at his school, which was attended by MADD National President, Jan Withers.
12-118 that established fees and charges for permitting pain management clinics. MCSAC shepherded the entire process, suggesting language for both the ordinance and the application permit. MCSAC representatives have been invited to be part of the application review process, which should roll out in the next 30 days.

**MCSAC represented at Nat’l. Rx Drug Summit**

L. to R: Wendy Nebrija & Ruth Lyerly

Ruth Lyerly and Wendy Nebrija represented the Coalition at the first National Prescription Drug Abuse Summit in Orlando, April 10-12. There were over 700 attendees. Ruth garnered support for Congressman Buchanan’s Pill Mill bill. Wendy pressed the issue of pregnancy testing prior to prescribing opioids. U.S. Surgeon General Regina Benjamin stated her position on this issue: Clinicians should know how any medication affects pregnancy, whether it’s a narcotic or not. If they don’t make sure the patient is not pregnant, they are not meeting the standard of care and they should be disciplined about that.

*A video of the conference is available by clicking the link on the photo above.*

**Christian Alvarez and Nikelle Kelly with MADD Nat’l. President Jan Withers**

Alvarez and Kelly are members of both Manatee Youth For Christ & the Manatee Youth Commission. Both of these youth organizations partner with the Manatee County Substance Abuse Coalition.

**Christian Alvarez of Southeast High School**

MCSAC congratulates Alvarez and Kelly on their accomplishments and are proud of their work to prevent substance abuse amongst their peers!

**MCSAC gets to work at Kiwanis Luncheon**

*By Guest Columnist: Steven Zonakis, MCSAC Marijuana Task Force Chairperson*

Sharon Kramer, Wendy Nebrija, Lynn Anderson, Ruth Lyerly, Joan Tomeo, and myself attended the Kiwanis Lakewood Ranch Women’s Leadership Luncheon. MCSAC is recognized for its work in the prevention of substance abuse. We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to continuing our efforts in the future.
Coming Up in the August Edition of 
MCSAC Messenger:

Meet Dr. Jessica Spencer, our new Youth Coordinator... 
and learn more about the Manatee Youth Commission

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Luncheon on May 5, 2012. We were joined by Manatee Youth Commissioners Becky O’Brien, Raine Sagramsigh, and Jeff Grolemund.

Keynote speakers Senator Nancy Detert and Senator Paula Dockery both spoke on the importance of individuals being willing to taking a leadership role on issues that are of interest and importance to them. Senator Detert commented that doing so often requires “do what we fear,” which was a powerful perspective from a woman in a place of state legislative leadership.

I appreciated this opportunity to join the other members of the Coalition and the Youth Commission to meet these legislators. MCSAC reaching out to our legislative representatives through attending events such as the Kiwanis luncheon is an important facet to having an effective voice in the legislative process on the issues that the coalition is concerned. This is of particular importance with issue such taking a stance against the legalization of medical marijuana. Just as marijuana has proven to be a gateway drug to the abuse of and addiction to other substances; it is a legislative gateway drug.
And the winner is...

Congratulations to Dantreal Waiters of Bradenton!

He recently won the Surgeon General's video contest in the 13-17 age group.

Watch his video, Tobacco-I'm Not Buying It here.

The contest was in conjunction with the release of Preventing Tobacco Use Among Youth and Young Adults: A Report of the Surgeon General.

Dantreal, a member of Sozo—a youth rap group born from Manatee Youth For Christ, won a $1,000 prize.

to future potential efforts to expand the scope of legalized use of marijuana as well as legalization of other harmful and addictive substances. This is a "slippery slope" that MCSAC must remain educated, diligent, and proactive in fighting.

Steven Zonakis is the Clinical Case Manager & Utilization Review Specialist with Manatee YourChoice Health Plan and Founder of Hope for the Family.

Speak-Up Against Impaired Driving

PARENTS BRING YOUR TEENS! TEENS BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

Drug and alcohol abuse is NOT a minor problem. Speak up against drugged, drunk, and distracted driving!

SATURDAY JUNE 30TH 9AM TIL 4PM
RANCH LAKE PLAZA 8712 E STATE RD 70, BRADENTON

Power of Parents Workshop (10am – 12:45pm)

Learn how to talk to your teens about alcohol. Advance registrations will be entered in the raffle!

Event Contact: Todd Ice
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- Witness a mock car crash demonstration: 11am
- Watch actual vehicle rollover simulation: 10am – 11am
- Experience the DUI driving challenge: 9am – 12pm
- Try rock climbing: 10am – 2pm
- See Taekwondo demonstration: 9am-12pm
- Pose with the Top Fuel Dragster: 9am – 4pm
- Donate blood....Give life!
- View four Monster Trucks on display!

Food, Prizes and Drawings All Day!
Impaired Driving: An Event for Parents & Teens
Saturday, June 30th - 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.
8712 E State Rd. 70, Bradenton

What's driving local officials to send a message to teens? It's distracted driving and teen drivers under the influence of alcohol or drugs. According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), teen alcohol use kills 6,000 young people each year, more than all other illegal drugs combined.

The community is invited to attend an interactive event sponsored by McGee Auto Service & Tires along with the Manatee County Substance Abuse Coalition. Other participants include the Manatee County Sheriff's Office, Florida Highway Patrol, East Manatee Fire & Rescue and more. "Speak-Up Against Impaired Driving" will be held Saturday, June 30th, 2012 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Ranch Lake Plaza, 8712 E State Road 70, Bradenton.

Witness a mock car crash and the ensuing emergency response. Watch an actual vehicle rollover simulation. Experience the DUI driving challenge with Safe Teen Driver. Research shows that three out of four teens say their parents are the number one influence on their decisions about alcohol. MADD will offer The Power of Parents, a free program to help parents have a life-saving conversation about alcohol with their teens.

Space is limited for the free program, The Power of Parents, so register now: (813) 935-2676, Ext. 6 or email sharon.hall@madd.org

There will be food, prizes and drawings all day, including the chance to win a ride in the Goodyear Blimp!
Parents, bring your teens! Teens, bring your friends!
Drug and alcohol abuse is NOT a minor problem.